

Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Accessing Operations and Rigging (Construction) (QCF)

Qualification Number: 600/9084/4

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification is designed for operatives in construction responsible for working at height to carry out works, including scaffolding installation, steeplejacking, lightning conductor engineering, erecting permanent and temporary suspended access equipment, safety net rigging and installing fall arrest systems. It is designed to assess occupational competence in the workplace where learners are required to demonstrate skills and knowledge to a level required in the construction industry.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is based on the latest National Occupational Standards for Accessing Operations and Rigging.

It is written to the agreed national occupational standards for competence in accessing operations and rigging in construction, and is entirely vocationally-related in its content. As an NVQ, all units within the qualifications are derived from these occupational standards directly, and evidence of knowledge, skill and understanding will be gained from a workplace or a realistic workplace situation.

This qualification offers eight pathways including scaffolding, steeplejacking, lightning conductor engineer, rigging: suspended access equipment - temporary, rigging: suspended access equipment – permanent, safety net rigging, fall arrest, and offshore scaffolding.

There are four mandatory units for all the pathways, these are Utilising Provision of Fall protection Systems and/or Equipment in the Workplace; Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace; Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace; and Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace.

Learners must then select one of the above pathways and complete the required mandatory units of that pathway. If the learner has chosen one of the following pathways, rigging: suspended access equipment – temporary, rigging: suspended access equipment – permanent, safety net rigging, fall arrest, and offshore scaffolding, they will have to choose an additional unit to achieve the qualification.

How is this qualification assessed?

This qualification is assessed through a portfolio of evidence gathered from a range of sources including workplace activities and realistic work environments, professional discussions, questioning and observation of performance.

Who can take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards and have the opportunity to demonstrate practical skills in a realistic construction working environment. Learners do not need any prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification.

Although this qualification is a component of the Intermediate Apprenticeship in Construction Specialist (Accessing and Rigging Pathway), it is also suitable for learners who may need or wish to take the qualification on its own. For example, learners, working full, part-time or on a voluntary basis, or those who are not new to the role but need to upskill and/or demonstrate competency in the areas covered by the qualification.

What can this qualification lead to?

Learners could progress on to further level 3 qualifications such as the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Accessing Operations and Rigging (Construction) (QCF).

Potential job roles for those working towards this qualification are:

- Lightning Protection Engineer
- Scaffolder
- Steeplejack

Who supports this qualification?

It is approved by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and their employer groups, as it is an approved qualification based on the occupational standards they have devised.

This qualification is highly valued and supported by Professional Body the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).